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SUBJECT: 64TH UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY: HIGH-LEVEL ATTENDANCE AND REQUESTS
FOR MEETINGS: INTERIM REPUBLIC OF CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE) RESPONSE

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1.(SBU) On August 19, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs provided a preliminary draft of the Congolese Delegation to this year's UN General Assembly. There are 63 (sixty-three) names on the list including President Denis Sassou-Nguesso, First Lady, Minister of Foreign Affairs, the National Security Advisor, and the first daughter/Communications Advisor. Our reading shows that 29 on the list are officials and the remainder are support staff, including eight members of the presidential press staff.

2.(SBU) Unfortunately, Post cannot confirm the final list of participants or their travel plans at this time. President Sassou-N'guesso has announced what could potentially be a major shake-up of his cabinet (Reftel B) and the delegation's final composition depends on the outcome of this ministerial shuffle. The cabinet changes are not expected to be announced until the President returns from his current holiday abroad, probably around September 1. Post remains in communication with the ROC MFA and will provide further updates as they become available.

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1A. Attendance of the Head of State.

-- President Denis Sassou-Nguesso plans to attend the UNGA.

-- The President's arrival and departure dates have not yet been confirmed nor has his presence for the General Debate.

-- The President's wife, Antoinette Sassou-N'guesso, will accompany her husband to New York.

-- French interpretation is requested.

1B. Attendance of the Head of Government.

-- President Sassou-N'Guesso is head of government. Prime Minister Isidore Mvoumba, who is "charged with government coordination," is not/not on the preliminary list provided by the MFA.

1C. Attendance of the Foreign Minister.

-- Basile Ikouebe, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Francophonie, will attend the UNGA.

-- The Foreign Minister's arrival and departure dates have not yet been confirmed nor has his presence for the General Debate.

-- The Foreign Minister's wife was not listed by the MFA.

-- French interpretation is requested.

1D. Attendance of other VIP's.

-- Jean Dominique Okemba, Special Advisor to the President and Secretary General of the National Security council.

-- Okemba's wife was not listed by the MFA.

-- Okemba's arrival and departure dates have not yet been confirmed nor has his presence for the General Debate.

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-- Claudia Lemboumba Sassou-N'guesso (President's Daughter), Communications and Public Relations Advisor to the President.

--Claudia's husband was not listed by the MFA.

-- Claudia's arrival and departure dates have not yet been confirmed nor has his presence for the General Debate.

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-- French interpretation is requested.

1E. Attendance of the Foreign Ministry official responsible for IO affairs.

-- Lazare Makayat Safouesse, MFA Deputy Secretary General and Head of Multilateral Affairs.

--Obindza's wife was not listed by the MFA.

-- Obindza's arrival and departure dates have not yet been confirmed nor has his presence for the General Debate.

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13. Note: In addition to Makayat Safouesse, there are a number of other officials with roles relating to the UN on the list, including Jacques Obindza, UN System director, Jean Didier Clovis Ngoulou, MFA Division chief for political, legal, and security affairs, and Pierre Mayala, MFA Division chief for economic, financial, legal, and security affairs in the UN System office.
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